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In re Application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**
Vosburgh, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/715,123 :
Filed: November 17, 2003 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: 9372-2 :

This decision is in response on the "PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE," filed March 22, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.10(c) to accord the above-identified application a filing date of November 4, 2004.

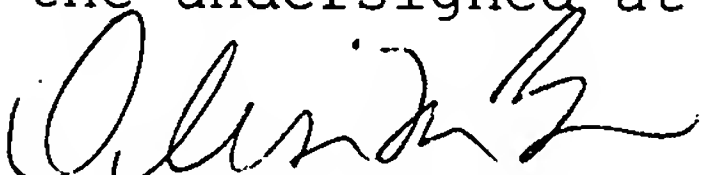
Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service November 17, 2003. As supporting evidence, petitioner has provided a copy of an Express Mail label bearing tracking number EL318416775US (the same Express Mail number found on the application transmittal letter accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) and a "date-in" of November 17, 2003.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) to accord the above-identified application a filing date of November 17, 2003 is hereby **GRANTED**.

No fee is due in connection with this petition.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of November 17, 2003.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.


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